

Philadelphia Feb. 19th 1868
Gen O. C. Howard

Sir

The bearer
Mr Batt, our agent, is about to
commence the sale of our books in
Washington, & you will greatly
oblige us by giving him your
name as subscriber for the
"Portrait Gallery." Marking your
subscription Paid. The object
of this request is simply to start
the list by several good names

Please make no mention of
the price paid, our Mr Rice
who del.^d you the "Portrait Gallery"
a few days since

Yours Very Respectfully
Rice Rutter & Co

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My dear Emily

I will send you the speech
with pleasure I had it printed &
sent it as desired to prevent misrep-
resentation. I am sorry that Mr Cooke
was prevented from doing so kind &
generous a thing & am sorry for the
the Clappian who ever he was, &
earnestly pray may God forgive him.
You will see in that speech that
like an honest man I told what
I had been & what I had done. I should
not lie for all the wealth in America
I said only what I have said before
to the Pres. to every congregation at the
North from Boston & Buffalo. in order
that I might put myself squarely
before the people to explain the efforts
I was now making & build up again
scattered together our people. I never
said one word about the institution
of Slavery. Except when Mr Welch asked

me if I could restore it: & I in the
public sphere I had yet to meet the
first decent Southern man who would
restore it if he could there are an
thousand witnesses to it. I was com-
pelled from two things to say more
than I cared to do & there were, first
I was watched with a jealous eye
at home & unless I showed myself
true to my home, my influence &
opportunities for good work there were
gone. I therefore spoke of their Country
& Churchmanly as a thing not to be ashamed
of just as my Brother had once helped
me of the pecuniary advantages of the West.
In the second place I found a decided
opposition to the introduction of the
men into the meeting at all & a great sur-
prise that I as a Southern man had
anything to do with it: And I was com-
pelled to let them know I had been
a true Confederate & therefore was entitled
to be heard in what I thought was the

Most-earnest appeal for sympathy said
to the hearers that I had ever made
so far from the half of the Congregation
meeting their faces I have been told
by numbers of gentlemen standing here
they had quadrupled their contributions
in account of my speech would in
future make the hearers a part
of their charities - with regard to the
Plymouth - I will give you the passage
as near as I can remember it: it was
a piece of spirit said with a smile
on my face meant to show how ridiculous
was the statement of the gentlemen
who had gone before me. They have
stated that men were flocking into
the Episcopal Ch. out west & a great
door was opened then, because the wide
spreading plains lofty mountains &
lakes show the mighty expanse caused
men to expand & I quote their words
"The sons of New England who had
moved west had left all their

isms & schisms behind them "were"
Amung into a Whig's body where
these questions did not enter. Well I
knew facts would not lead them on
but taking their premises - I said -
these brethren had told us that the
speculations of the west carried the
sons of New England & leave their
schism behind them & if this were
true I wished that all isms & schisms
& schismatics from every where would
come out there with all their goods
& household goods it would be sweet
but again for them we should have
had rest & peace - that further if
was the ~~cause~~ effect of the west
wished that the May flower had
never stranded on Plymouth Rock
but had landed at once in the
middle of what are now the plains
of Nevada - surely there was no harm
in that: particularly as some of my own
folk & kin were among them. Other
west would have been as good a place

Went out from as into.

I used this simile that when an
emigrant leaves his home it is not as we
die a gnawing or discontent if he
dropped a tear over the recollections of
the past. So while I looked back at
our past fast receding & attaining
a haze of uncertainty as it went into
distance it was not discontent if I
dropped a tear over what we had
been while I turned a manly face
to the unknown & untold future &
wished to live & die.

Still not use harsh language of
my dear Bro. but his statements are
not true - the part done is the part
the frame in the Southern County has
labored harder than I have to uphold
what is better this land & my labors
know the freedom my labor has
done & know the motives are to him
& I know acceptable. They have been
done they have brought me up to the

which I have tried to ~~brood~~ bear
with patience - I do differ with
some of you decidedly, I am not a
favorer of Universal Suffrage for Col-
ored men and I for white people
I should have qualifications for both
& where it will have to come to that
in this the land but I am in favor
where they are qualified such as
be now both white & black & have
this more political & not natural
right - the women & children would
be admitted alike, but both against
all else I have kept out of politics
so entirely that I have never even
read one of the Reconstruction acts
I want to be free yet to preach the
 Gospel to some sinners.

I wish those good brothers would under-
stand the 14th & 15th Cor. - Please that
Charity thinketh no evil, we have a
Northern man here we are the same
brothers the other schools do, & if we are

do right men there we have may
God help us, now as to what you
have heard here - my only answer
is that I have preached for Rev Dr
Mahan Rev Mr Grammar - Rev Mr
Wise Rev Mr Rankin & I have only
been here two Sundays - that I have
collected \$2,500 & had the most hearty
cordial support from every one of
them & last night a meeting
was called privately to organize in
some way to further me in this
good work. I have not said a
word of politics it is not in my
line and I deny in toto the
whole charge - why could what is
my second that you know, & at
home I have cultivated the officers
& Sabbath friends I pay them every
attention at the risk of creating
bitterness some of my old friends, yet
as I am calling myself a minister of
God an ambassador of peace could stand

up and prevent a walk for
Christ this fellow man, oh it
makes the heart sick - I can
tell that Bro that I am laboring
myself please with all my heart
but efforts such as his do not
savour of that mind which is a
sin Lad. May God guide & direct
us in all our ways I am

Dear Aunt very sincerely yours

I Thomas Parker

P.S.

I find in my trunk a copy of the
said book which I enclose
Please read & tell where you have
till me in Christian love where I
Am wrong. A.T.P.

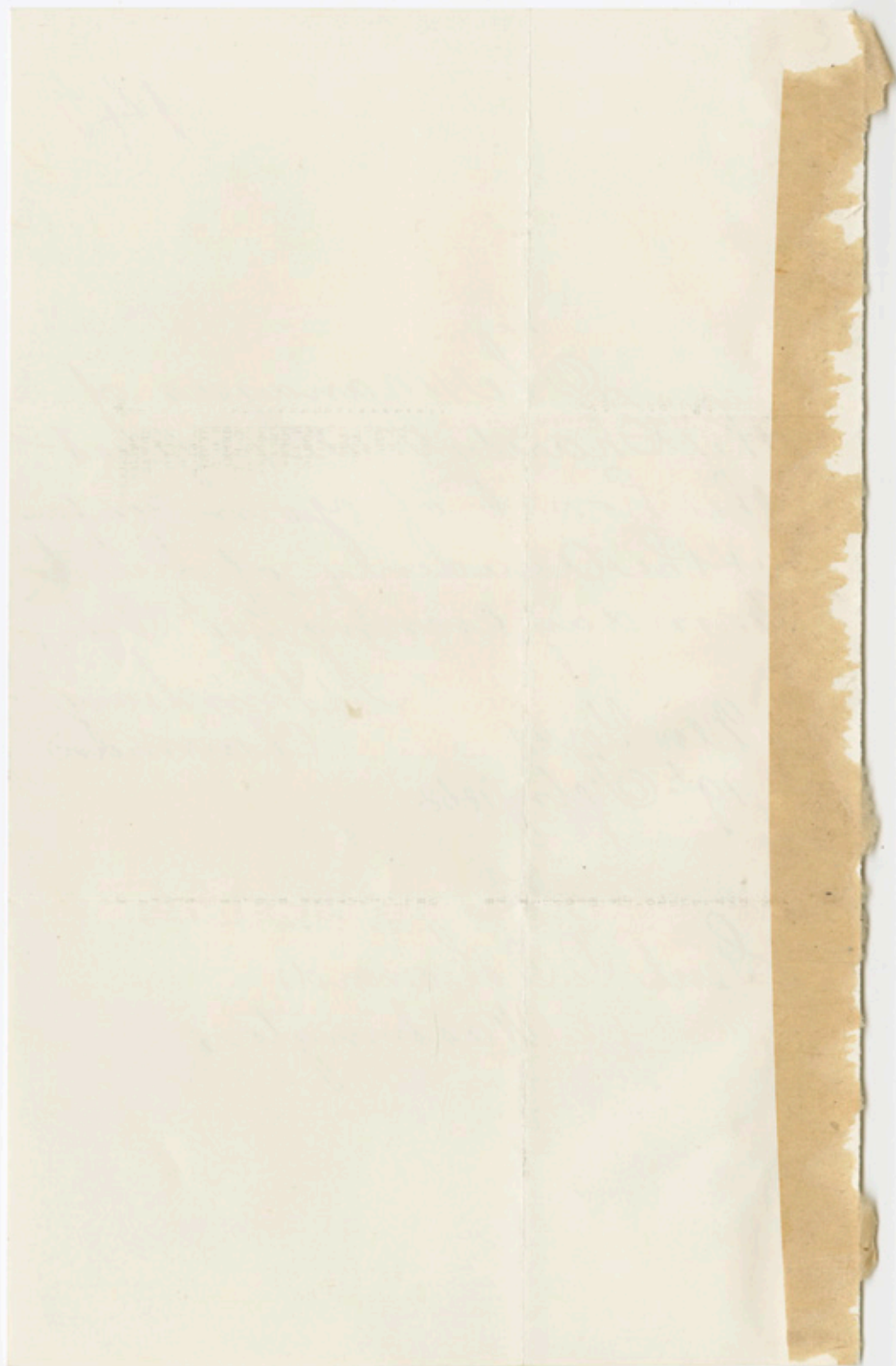
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The Managers of
the Charity Ball request
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Arthur Leary
Chairman

Genl O O Howard
Washington



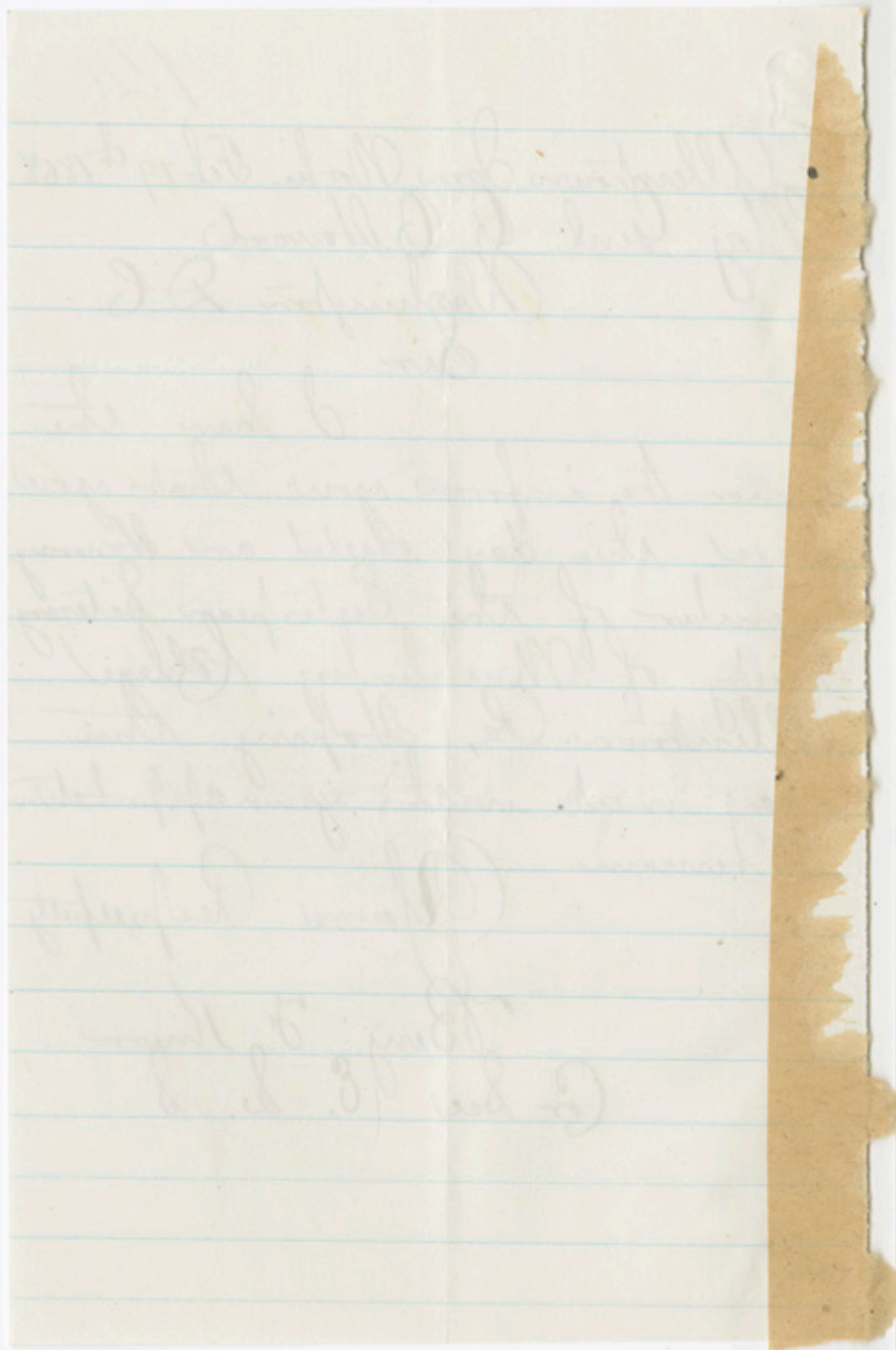
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Allentown Iron Works Feb 19th 1868
Maj Genl G. B. Howard
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that you were this day elected an Honorary member of the European Literary Society of Muehlenberg College Allentown Pa, Hoping this may meet with your approbation I remain

Yours Respectfully
Benj. F. Kuyper
Cor Sec E. L. S

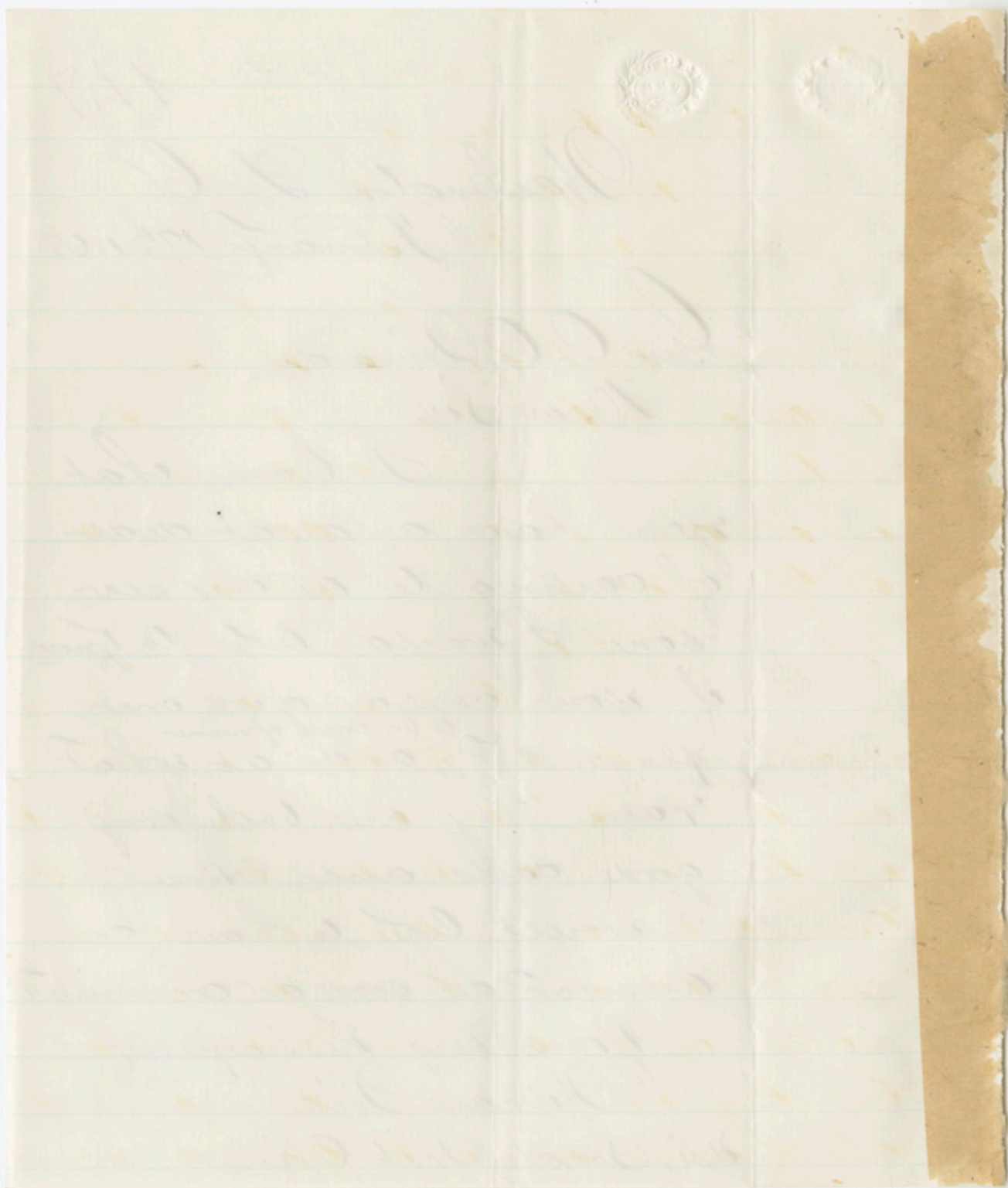


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Washington, D. C.
February 19th 1868

Gen O. O. Edwards
Dear Sir,

I learn that
you have a great deal
of carting to do this sea-
-son. I would like to know
if you could give em-
-^{to two carts of mine}ployment, and at what
rate. They are both very
good carts and horses.
I would like to have an
answer as soon as convenient.

Yours Very Respectfully
William Hill.
U.S. Senate Post Office



Quartermaster General's Office,

(Personal.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19th 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Washington, D. C.
Dear General:

The following is an extract
from my last letter to the United Pres-
byterian. As I wish to continue the
subject in my letter of this week, I shall
be obliged for any suggestions you may
be pleased to make on the subject:
(Extract.)

"A serious division has been
created in the Congregational Church of
this City, (Rev. Mr. C. B. Boynton, Chaplain
of the House of Representatives, Pastor,)
growing out of the application of two colored
men for admission to membership. The exam-
ination of the applicants was satisfactory,
but they were informed that while the Pastor
and deacons would be glad to receive them,
it might be better for all concerned if the

colored people remained in their own or-
ganizations. Subsequently Mr. Baynton
preached a sermon, in which he referred
to the cases, and expressed his desire to
receive all persons into the Church, but
again stated that, in his opinion, where
it was possible, it would be best not
to merge a few colored people with many
whites, but that, as a friend of the col-
ored race, he would prefer to see them
have their own schools and churches.
The two colored men, soon after this,
withdrew their applications, but a colored
woman was subsequently admitted to
full membership in the Church. A num-
ber of the members then held a meeting
and passed a series of resolutions endorsing
the views of Mr. Baynton. This action was
called forth a protest, signed by Maj. J. M.
O. O. Howard, Col. A. L. Eaton, and other
prominent members of the congregation,
in which, after reciting the facts in the
case, they remark:

(Here follows the Protest.)

Please let me hear from you
by Friday morning.

I am, General,
Very respectfully
and truly Yours,

James A. T. Van
Deputy G. M. General (U. S. A.)

Wm. L. G. L.
L. G. L.
L. G. L.

Treasury Department,

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Second Auditor's Office,

File 19, 1868.

Major Gen^l Howard

Dear Gen^l

I write this letter to introduce myself & also to say that if the interests of Congregationalism in this vicinity needs my assistance as minister I am very ready to labor. I am a member of the Watertown Presbytery N.Y. which is "New School" I have been for 20 years a congregational minister in Vermont preaching with acceptance always I would refer to Judge Poland Representative from Vermont who knows me & has frequently heard me preach. I have been here in the above office for about 6 weeks did not intend, nor do I now, to make this a permanent business, but for the present should be very willing to preach to any congregation, even without compensation if necessary. I did not know but that it would be desirable to have some other congregation than that regularly held by the 1st Congregational Chh, & that a minister would be a convenience. I was in the army a chaplain of colored troops 2 W.D. C. Can

known something of Colored people

But I do not urge nor importune but simply offer my services wherever they may be desired & believe fully that I can give satisfaction

Very Truly Yours

John A. Beckett

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Charlotte N.C

Feb 20/68

Dear Sir,

I am still on my way South, finding that it takes longer to ascertain the true state of things than I anticipated. The Order with which you kindly furnished me is of great service. I hope to return by Washington & have the pleasure of an interview with you; but in the meantime I should like if possible to ascertain the facts of the case in regard to the increase or decrease of the black population since the close of the war. I find



2. VI 1905
It constantly alleged by Southern
people that the negroes are dying out
& they frequently refer me to a
statement alleged to have been
made by you that they had diminished
four to three millions. I should
like to have if only in a sample
line your opinion on this point. I
have had the pleasure of meeting
with a great number of prominent
men on both sides, during my
travels thru the South, & meet
everywhere with the utmost courtesy
& kindness. A note addressed to
Care of Burgess & Goddard, 76 Murray

Street, New York, will at any time
be forwarded to me. Till the 2th
with. a letter addressed to care of
Col. McKay, President Peoples Bank
Charleston will find me there. I
go from this place to Charleston
via Columbia in a day or two.

Believe me, dear Sir
Yours With sincere respect
David Macrae



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be forwarded to me. Tell the 2nd
with a letter addressed to care of
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Believe me, dear Sir,
Yours with sincere respect
Chas. M. Moore



WILLARD'S HOTEL

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WASHINGTON, D.C. Feb 20 1868

Major Genl O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

I beg to
remind you that I wish
those letters returned
to me at New York after
they are copied - I
understand that you
are to send the copies
to Mr Seams who
will have time to
read & thoroughly con-
sider them

Most Respectfully
Yours

C. R. Roberts

WILLARD'S HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Tract House, 28 Cornhill,

Boston, Feb. 20. 1868.

Gen. Howard

Dear 'Gd,

Our friend Rev. Airam Bingham informs me that he needs \$50. You kindly gave \$15 in Nov. 1866, & if you repeat the favor, I can get from other subscribers the balance of the sum he asks for.

Yours truly,
H. Hill

Tract House, No:
28 Cornhill, Boston
Feb. 20th 1868

Hill H.

States that Rev Hiram
Bingham needs \$50.

The Commissioner gave
\$15 in 1866; if he will
repeat the favor the
balance can be easily
collected from others



North Feb. 20, 1868
Gentl O O Howard.

I found
him in bed with the Ague - saw
Mr. Bingham yesterday & he said
he would rather wait a few
days for him than risk another.

She is a good girl - & wishes
to go, soon as able - I think she
will be able to go in a few days
will inform you, the day she
starts and Mr. Bingham
also.

Respectfully
Yours, J. H. Whipple

Washg Feb. 20th 1868

Griffing Mrs J. S.

States that woman to
be sent to Mr Bing-
ham is sick just now.
Will be well soon
Mr B will wait for
her.

Will inform the lunatic
the day the girl starts

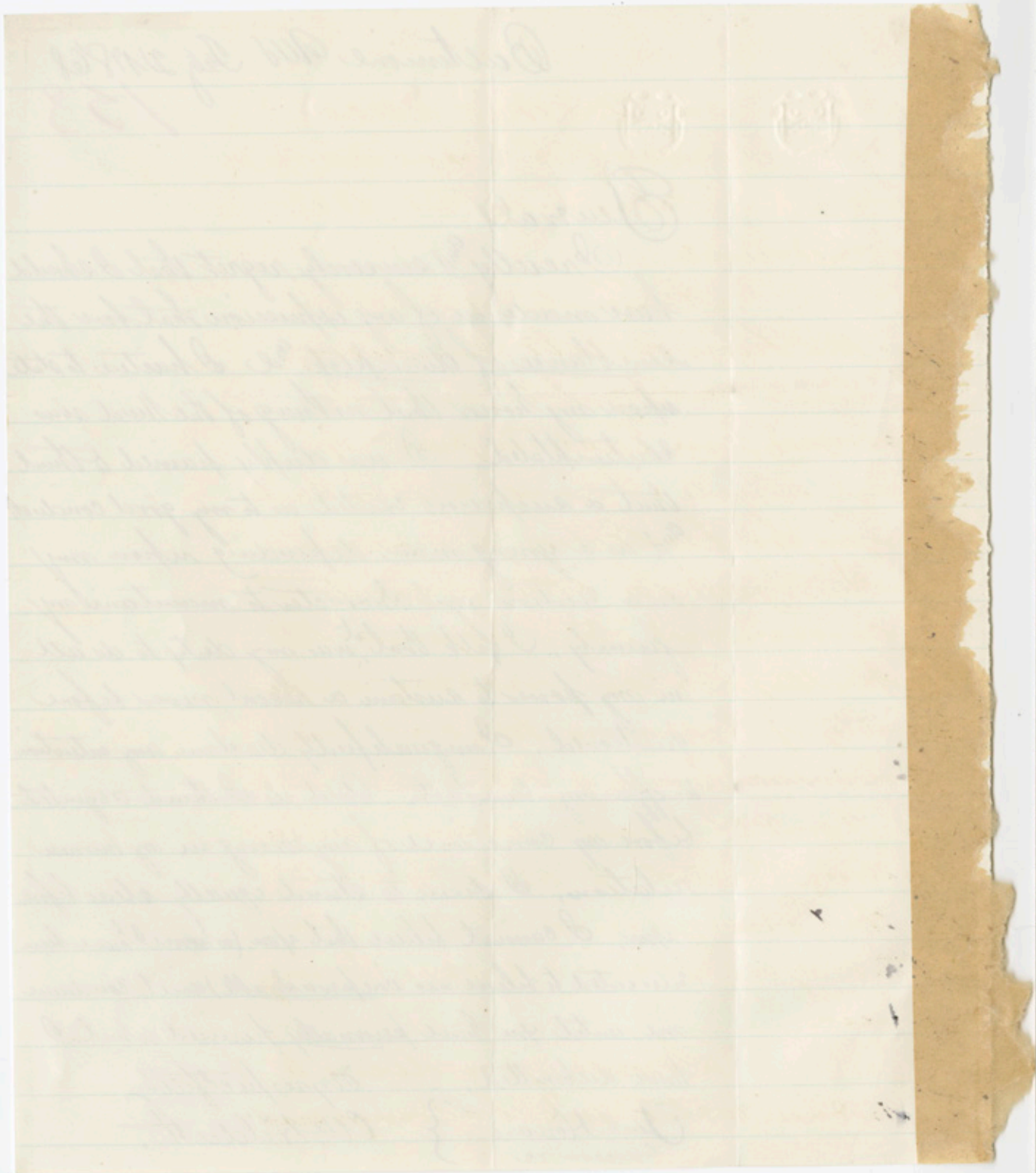


Baltimore Md Feb 21 1868
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General

I really & sincerely regret that I should have made use of any expression that bore the semblance of disrespect. & I have to state upon my honor that nothing of the kind was contemplated. I was deeply pained to think that a suspicion existed as to my good conduct. And as a young man, depending upon my own exertions and character to maintain my family, I felt that it was my duty to do all in my power to sustain a record never before questioned. I unqualifiedly disclaim any intention to offer any disrespect. And as I stand acquitted before my conscience of any wrong in my business relations, I desire to stand equally clear before you. I cannot believe that you, (whom I have been educated to believe was irreproachable) will condemn me, until you have personally perused what I have submitted.

Very respectfully
Gul Howard } C. W. Hildreth.
concur re



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4 Market Street
(Board of Trade Room)
February 21. 1868

General

As Trustee in Partition
for the heirs of Robt Sherwood,
I have many lots, variously
grouped, in Eastern part of
City which I would sell or lease
to you for building purposes.

As Agent for other Proprietors
I command other adjacent lots

As Attorney at Law making a spe-
cialty of examining titles, I can
discover owners of other lots. And
as Agent I might assist you in
getting Control of whole Squares.

As Conveyancer I could see
that you received proper Convey-
ances.

Should you desire to
introduce water into buildings near

the "Great Federal Spring"
(miscalled "Gibbons Spring on Maps")
which is on the "Islerwood Farm"
I might be induced to allow
a Ram to furnish water from
said Spring: - a thing quite fea-
-sible.

Should you want Land, good
& stones, I could furnish them.

Should you be willing
to enter into a private (or public)
speculation in City property,
and a farm of 148½ acres, I am
a person to see.

Respectfully Yours

A. A. Allen

Gen O. A. Howard
Bureau of Land Management
Washington D. C.

P.S. I reside on the Isher-
-wood farm: and expect
to be there at all hours next week
surrounding same.

H. C. A.

4 Market Place
Washington Feb. 21st 1868.

Waley A. G.

States that he has control
of various parcels of
land in the eastern
part of the city which
he can sell to comm.
on good terms. etc, etc,
etc,



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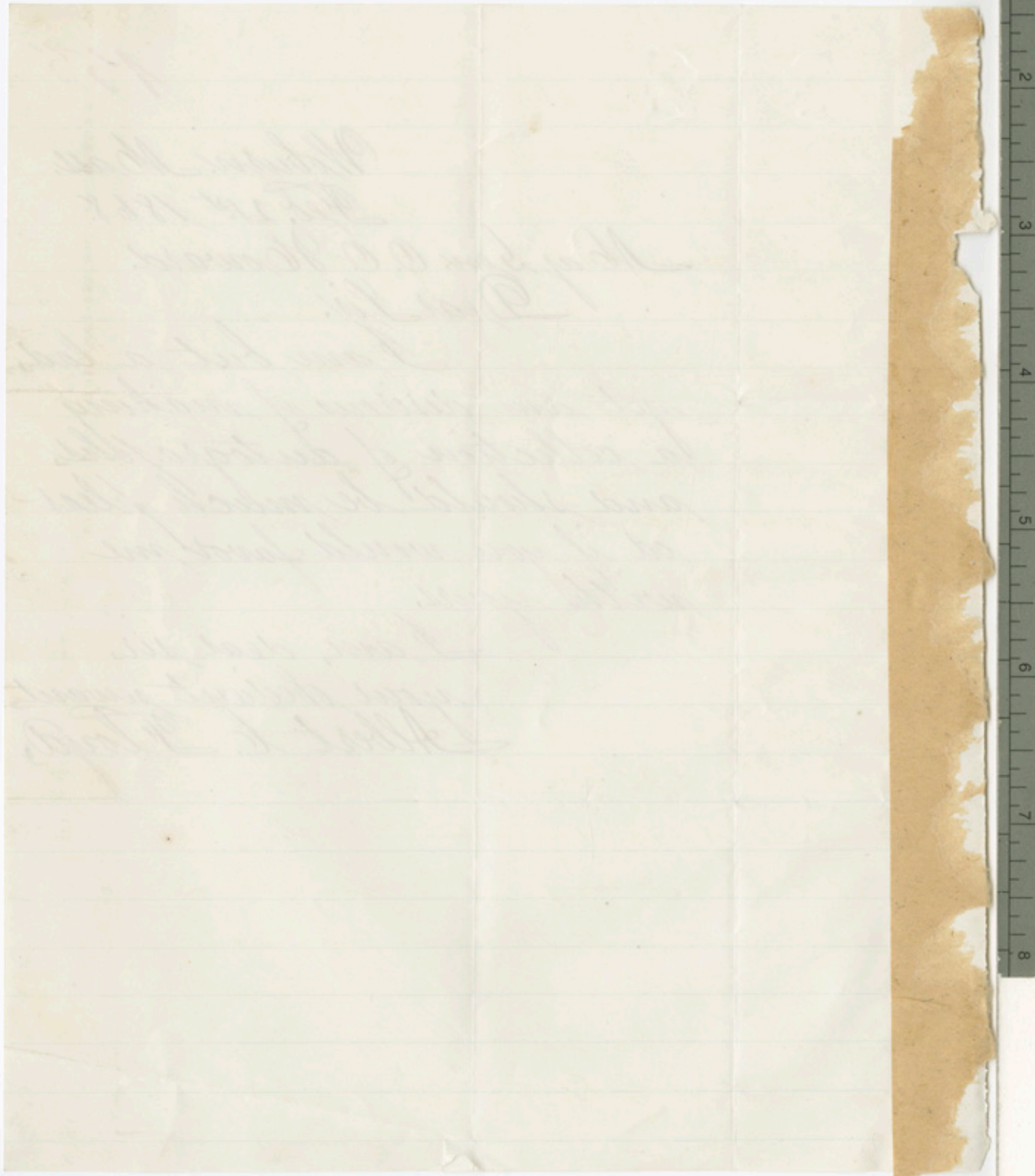
Woburn, Mass.
Feb. 2nd 1868.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

I am but a lad,
yet am desirous of making
a collection of autographs
and should be much pleas-
ed if you would favor me
with yours.

I am, dear sir,
your obedient servant,
Albert C. Floyd,



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5 Feb 21 1868

By Telegraph from

Ballo

To

May Gen O. O. Howard

Comm Freedmans Bureau

Please inform me by bearer of
this telegram the name of
person who went with Senator
Johnson to the President

Man Mangel

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Please answer by this Line.

